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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW - ROUND IV SCHEDULING

1. AT JULY 1 REGULAR MEETING, CHAIRMAN ASKED FOR VIEWS ON DATE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF ROUND IV. HE SUGGESTED OCTOBER 13.
2. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION, FRANCE AND GERMANY EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR NOVEMBER 17, SAYING THIS DATE WOULD GIVE THEIR AUTHORITIES MORE TIME TO PREPARE. FRENCH DEL ALSO POINTEDLY RAISED QUESTION WHETHER US WOULD BE READY TO NEGOTIATE BY MID-OCTOBER AFTER THE EXPERIENCE IN ROUND III. SINCE QUESTION SEEMED MAINLY RHETORICAL, USDEL DID NOT ATTEMPT ANSWER. JAPANESE DEL WAS OPEN-MINDED ON DATE BUT STRESSED THAT ROUND IV MUST BE FINAL ONE BECAUSE AFTER THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FUNDS TO SEND JAPANESE EXPERTS TO PARIS. UKDEL SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND OCTOBER 13 TO HIS AUTHORITIES ON GROUND THAT POSTPONING ROUND IV TO NOVEMBER WOULD CAUSE DISTRESS AND BAFFLEMENT TO BRITISH INDUSTRIAL CIRCLES WHO WERE ALREADY RESTIVE OVER PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS. USDEL ALSO SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND OCTOBER 13 TO HIS AUTHORITIES.
3. IT WAS FINALLY LEFT THAT MATTER WOULD BE DISCUSSED AGAIN AT MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9, FIRST MEETING AFTER SUMMER RECESS.
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4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON'S VIEWS ON START OF

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ROUND IV. BELIEVE IT PSYCHOLOGICALLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE READY TO START BY MID-OCTOBER, AND URGE THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO THAT END. HOWEVER, IF WE CANNOT BE ABSOLUTELY SURE OF BEING READY THEN, WE SHOULD OF COURSE OPT FOR A LATER DATE. DEL WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING SOME INDICATING OF WASHINGTON'S PREFERENCE IN ADVANCE OF SEPTEMBER 9.
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